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TAGS: MASS, JO, US

SUBJ: MC GIFFERT-BIN SHAKER LETTER DATED JULY 21

1. BIN SHAKER WAS IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR AUGUST 3. HE ASKED FOR OUR REACTION TO SUBJECT LETTER, COPY OF WHICH WE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED. HE PROVIDED US WITH A COPY FOR OUR REACTION.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY DISCUSSIONS WITH MCGIFFERT AND JANKA IN MAY AND WITH JANKA HERE LAST MONTH, I TOLD BIN SHAKER THAT ISSUE OF AUTUMN JMC SHOULD BE RESOLVED ON BASIS OF PROPOSED MCGIFFERT VISIT TO JORDAN SOMETIME IN THE AUTUMN. I ALSO REMINDED HIM THAT WE HAVE ONLY HAD ONE AUTUMN JMC IN THE HISTORY OF THE COMMISSION AND THAT MY OWN VIEW WAS THAT SUCH MEETINGS SHOULD TAKE PLACE WHEN REQUIRED RATHER THAN ON A FIXED SCHEDULE. I RECOMMENDED THAT WE SHOULD DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF FUTURE AUTUMN JMC'S WHEN MCGIFFERT VISITS JORDAN.

3. COMMENT: WHILE JORDANIANS HAVE NEVER BEEN OVERLY BUREAUCRATIC ABOUT JMC MEETINGS AND ACQUIESCED IN OUR NOT HOLDING THE AUTUMN MEETING IN THE PAST ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, BIN SHAKER DOES NOT
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REACT WELL TO A FORMAL PROPOSAL TO DO AWAY WITH THEM. IF INDEED WE WOULD PREFER FOR WHATEVER REASONS TO HAVE ONLY ONE FORMAL JMC A YEAR, APPROACH SEEKING FORMAL JORDANIAN AGREEMENT ON THE SUBJECT NOT LIKELY TO DO MUCH BUT IRRITATE. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE ISSUE CAN BE RESOLVED QUIETLY AND BY "OSMOSIS" BY INDICATING THAT THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED, OR ALTERNATIVELY IN HAVING SOME KIND OF JMC REVIEW MEETING IN JORDAN WITH EMBASSY

AND JAF PERSONNEL, THE RESULTS OF WHICH COULD BE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON AND THEREBY CUT DOWN WASHINGTON'S TIME AND EFFORTS. INDEED, THE AUTUMN MEETING HAS NEVER REALLY MADE A GREAT DEAL OF SENSE EXCEPT FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AT A SENIOR LEVEL PROGRESS ON PROJECTS AND NUTS AND BOLTS ISSUES. WE AGREE FULLY WITH DEFENSE THAT THE SPRING MEETING IS IMPORTANT AND CAN CAP THE REGULAR REVIEWS (IPR'S) OF SUCH PROGRAMS AS I-HAWK AND VULCAN. WE WILL DO OUR BEST WITH BIN SHAKER TO AVOID ANY SORT OF CONFRONTATION AND WILL PUSH HARD FOR IDEA THAT THE QUESTION MIGHT AGAIN BE TALKED ABOUT DURING MCGIFFERT FALL VISIT.
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